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GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATING WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID

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1. DEETJEN OF FONOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT THE FRG ALTERNATE DRAFT TEXT (REFTEL A) WILL GO BEFORE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE EC FOR DISCUSSION WHEN IT MEETS SEPTEMBER 9-10 "IF THEY HAVE TIME." ACCORDING TO DEETJEN, THE FRG TEXT IS THE ONLY ONE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND A PREAMBLE FOR IT IS NOW BEING PREPARED IN BONN. HE HOPES IT WILL BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENTATION TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

2. REITERATING THE FRG'S OPPOSITION TO THE DRAFT DECLARATION AS IT NOW STANDS, DEETJEN STATED THAT THE FRG IS MAKING DEMARCHESES TO SELECTED AFRICAN STATES. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT THE US IS DOING THE SAME IN LATIN AMERICA (REFTEL C) AND HOPED DEMARCHESES WERE ALL SUCCESSFUL.

3. THE LAST CHANCE TO POSTPONE ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT, IN DEETJEN'S OPINION, WOULD BE WITH THE EXECUTIVE GROUP OF UNESCO. OTHERWISE AN ALTERNATE DRAFT WOULD HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED, THE PROSPECTS OF WHICH DEETJEN FELT WOULD BE BLEAK SINCE, IN HIS WORDS, MOST OF THE THIRD WORLD--SOCIALIST REGIMES, MILITARY REGIMES AND CONSERVATIVE COUNTRIES SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA--HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN REDUCING THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE US ALTERNATE DRAFT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FRG AND US TEXTS, WHEN FINISHED, COULD BE AMALGAMATED FOR POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TO THE UNESCO GROUP.

4. COMMENT: THE SUDDEN PREPARATION OF A PREAMBLE IS APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS BY OTHER EC MEMBERS (REFTEL B). DEETJEN PROMISED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE PREAMBLE ASAP AFTER COMPLETION.

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